

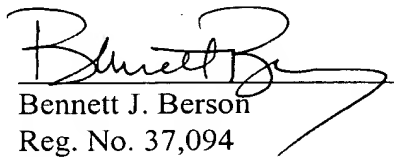
REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 1, 2, 4-16, 25-31, and 34-42. Claims 3, 17-24, and 32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph for failing to comply with the written description requirement and claims 3, 32, and 33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph for indefiniteness. In order to accelerate the issuance of the allowed claims, Applicants herein cancel claims 3, 17-24, 32, and 33 without prejudice to the filing of a continuation application to pursue the cancelled subject matter.

With the above amendment, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. A notice of allowance is respectfully requested for allowed claims 1, 2, 4-16, 25-31, and 34-42.

This response is being filed within three months of the mailing date of the Office Action. No extension of time is believed due. However, should any extension of time be due, in this or any subsequent response, please consider this to be a request for the appropriate extension of time and a request to pay the extension fee due and charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 17-0055. Likewise, no other fee is believed due, but should such a fee be due, please consider this to be a request to charge the fee due to the same deposit account.

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